

1 *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That it shall*
3 *and may be lawful for the secretary of state, on application in writ-*
4 *ing by Oliver Evans, to cause letters patent to be made out in*
5 *the manner and form prescribed by the act entitled "An act to*
6 *promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore*
7 *made for that purpose," thereby granting to said Oliver Evans, his*
8 *heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, for a term not exceed-*
9 *ing* years, the full and exclusive right and liberty
10 *of making, constructing, using and vending to be used, his inven-*
11 *tion, discovery and improvements in the art of manufacturing flour*
12 *and meal, and in the several machines which he has discovered,*
13 *invented, improved and applied to that purpose: Provided that no*
14 *person who may have heretofore paid the said Oliver Evans*
15 *for license to use his said improvements shall be obliged to re-*
16 *new said license, or be subject to damages for not renewing the*
17 *same: And provided also, that no person who shall have used the*
18 *said improvements before the issuing of the said patent shall be*
19 *liable to damages therefor.*